AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method of out-dialing an address having a plurality of digits, comprising:

   (a)   initiating a call by dialing a sequence of digits representing the address to be out-dialed;

   (b)   recognizing at least a part of said dialed digits, and further recognizing the sequence of said recognized dialed digits;

   (c)   before the address is out-dialed, searching a data base that includes at least portions of a plurality of digits for said recognized dialed digits, and for the recognized sequence of said recognized dialed digits;

   (d)   before the address is out-dialed, matching said digits and said sequence to digits in a data base of addresses requiring special handling; and

   (e)   if there is no match in said data base, searching a data base that includes at least portions of a plurality of previously out-dialed addresses for said recognized dialed digits.

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2. (Original) A method of out-dialing an address having a plurality of digits, comprising:

(a)   initiating a call by dialing a sequence of digits representing an address to be out-dialed;

(b)   recognizing at least a part of said dialed digits, and further recognizing the sequence of said recognized dialed digits;

(c)   before the address is out-dialed, searching a data base that includes at least portions of a plurality of previously out-dialed addresses, for said recognized dialed digits;

(d)   before the address is out-dialed, automatically searching a data base of addresses that require special handling for said recognized dialed digits, and for the recognized sequence of said recognized dialed digits; and

(e)   before the address is out-dialed, automatically matching said digits and said sequence to digits in a data base of addresses requiring special handling.

3. (Original) A method of out-dialing a telephone number, comprising:

(a)   initiating a call by dialing a sequence of digits representing the phone number to be out-dialed;

(b)   recognizing at least a part of said dialed digits, and further recognizing the sequence of said recognized dialed digits;

(c)   before the number is out-dialed, searching a data base that includes one or more key words established by a party independent of the caller and linked with the telephone number to be out-dialed;

(d)   before the number is out-dialed, automatically matching said dialed digits and said key words in said data base of key words;

(e)   matching said dialed sequence of digits to a key word in said data base; and

(f)   causing said associated phone number to be out-dialed.

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4. (Currently amended)   An apparatus for out-dialing an address, comprising:

> a data base including at least portions of a plurality of previously out-dialed addresses;

> said data base including information about [[the]] a switching code for each of said previously out-dialed addresses;

> a data base of addresses for a plurality of switching codes,

> including information about the switching code for each address;

> a connection between said data base of addresses for a plurality of switching codes, and the data base of previously out-dialed addresses;

> at least one-number in said data base of addresses for a plurality of switching codes matching at least one address in said data base of previously out-dialed addresses; and

> said connection causing said identified previously out-dialed address to be changed in said data base of previously out-dialed addresses.

5. (Original) A method of out-dialing an address having a plurality of digits, comprising:

> initiating a call by speaking one or more key words corresponding to an address to be out-dialed, each address comprised of multiple digits;

> recognizing at least one or more key words, and further recognizing the sequence of said recognized key words;

> searching a data base that includes said one or more key words established by a party independent of the speaker, for said one or more key words corresponding to said address to be out-dialed;

> matching at least a portion of said key word in said data base to said recognized one or more key words;

> identifying said address to be out-dialed corresponding to one or more key words; and

> causing said identified address to be out-dialed.

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